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DHS Responses to Open Records Requests December 2011

The DHS responds to numerous requests for public records. Requests for confidential records by people who are permitted by law to receive them are not listed here.

- On Dec. 6 the department responded to a Dec. 5 request for information from Luke Jennett of the Ames Tribune and Angie Hunt of KCCI-TV in Des Moines regarding the DHS case file in the death of a child (Spencer Corson) several years ago. Prosecutors advised the department not to release records.
- On Dec. 15 the department responded to a Nov. 30 request for information from Steve Reed of the Cedar Rapids Gazette regarding the settlement of a lawsuit involving the death of a teen-aged boy in Cedar Rapids two years earlier. He received policy information. The case-specific information he requested is not public information. There was no charge.
- On Dec. 15 the department provided information requested on Dec. 1 by Reporter Lee Rood of the Des Moines Register. Lee wanted copies of DHS child abuse assessments in cases of children who had died of abuse recently. Such records are public only on approval of prosecutors. The prosecutor in only one case gave permission to share that information. It was sent to Lee. There was no charge.
- On Dec. 16 and for several days thereafter, the department provided information requested by the BrownWinick law firm which represents the runner-up bidder in an important Medicaid procurement. The law firm wanted all documents pertaining to the Medicaid's evaluation of bids. The department provided tens of megabytes of information. There was no charge.
- On Dec. 23 the department responded to a Dec. 21 request from John Preston of South Miami, Fla. Mr. Preston wanted an electronic list of regulated childcare providers in Iowa. A link was sent to him. There was no charge.